

## *scalingXchange*

Mexico City, March 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> 2020

### Scaling Impact at IDRC

Canada's International Development Research Centre (IDRC) seeks to discover sound and methodical approaches to scaling the impact of research for development. Scaling, which has been a significant area of focus for IDRC over the past five years, will continue to be a strategic priority for the next ten years. We have invested in an ongoing program of learning about scaling, and concurrent efforts to translate lessons into our practice as a research funder. As a supporter of leading minds across the global South, IDRC is eager to create a platform to amplify a Southern perspective on scaling.

### The *scalingXchange*

The *scalingXchange* will take place from March 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> at the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (*Centro Internacional de Mejoramiento de Maíz y Trigo*) in Mexico City. This gathering is an opportunity for a diverse group of Southern researchers and practitioners, from across disciplines and sectors, to exchange lessons in scaling, identify opportunities for new partnerships and collaborations, and explore areas for future research on scaling. Participants include IDRC-supported researchers working on a wide range of issues, from food security and women's rights in West Africa, climate change in South Asia, to social inclusion in science, technology and innovation in South America. All participants have been carefully selected for their track record as innovators in scaling research impact.

### Objectives

The *scalingXchange* is an intentional contribution to the emerging science of scaling, and aims to:

- Create a space to draw out lessons from practical experience in scaling impact in the South;
- Identify opportunities for new partnerships and collaborations amongst participants;
- Create opportunities for Southern researchers to connect with and contribute to the global community of scaling practitioners;
- Learn from Southern innovators on how funders can better support the scaling process; and
- Identify areas for future research on scaling and gather further collective insight on subtopics and where such research could best be embedded.

Find out more about IDRC's scaling efforts by visiting: [www.idrc.ca/scalingscience](http://www.idrc.ca/scalingscience)

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